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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

RODGERS et al.

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For: "SHIELDED MULTI-CONDUCTOR
INTERCONNECT BUS FOR MEMS"

) Group Art Unit: 2827

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) Examiner: Dinh, Tuan T.

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) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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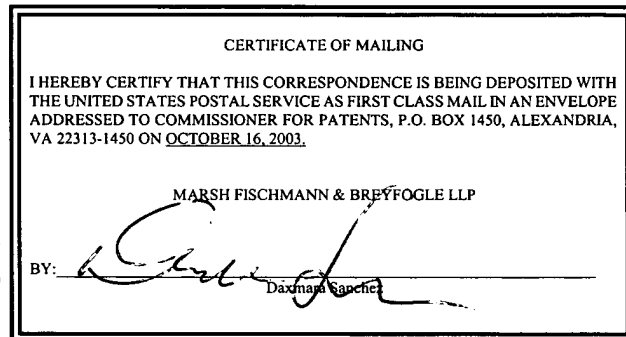
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of July 16, 2003 (the July 16 Office Action). Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with the 5 new claims (1 independent and 4 dependent) added herein because more than five claims including one independent claim have been previously withdrawn from examination in the present application, please charge any fees due in connection with the 5 new claims to Deposit Account No. 50-1419. Additionally, although Applicant believes an extension of time is not needed, please consider this a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) if an extension is necessary to maintain the pendency of the present application and charge the extension fee, if necessary, to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified application in the manner set forth herein.